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Enclosed herewith is The Information Disclosure Statement of O.S. Khalil, et al., for METHOD FOR OPTICAL MEASUREMENTS OF TISSUE TO DETERMINE DISEASE STATE OR CONCENTRATION OF AN ANALYTE.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a statement as specified by 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (e).

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